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and the Royal Society of Antiquaries at Copenhagen, in Denmark, he does give, grant, and convey unto the said Professor and Royal Society the rock known as the 'Writing' or 'Dighton Rock,' and the lot, or parcel of land, surrounding it, and situated in the town of Berkley, in said county of Bristol;" its limits being stated in detail in said deed. The society charged its council with expressing to the donor its thanks for the gift, as also with taking proper measures to see the monument duly fenced and preserved.

SEPTEMBER MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting was held this day, Thursday, Sept. 12, at noon; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

Donations were announced from the American Philosophical Society; the Boston City-Missionary Society; the Essex Institute; Rev. Caleb D. Bradlee; Rev. S. Hopkins Emery; B. P. Johnson, Esq.; Henry Stevens, Esq.; and from Messrs. Deane, Green, Robbins (C.), and Webb, of the Society.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, a note was communicated from him, stating the fact that Mr. Benson J. Lossing accepted his election as Corresponding Member.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, from the Committee on procuring Memorials of the Rebellion, reported that the Committee had organized a plan, and prepared a circular to be sent to all the members of the Society and to other persons likely to respond.

The President announced the death of Sir F. Palgrave, a Corresponding Member of the Society; and read the following obituary notice from the "Illustrated London News," July 27, 1861:—

Sir Francis Palgrave, a learned historian and archæologist, who died on the 6th instant, at his house, the Green, Hampstead, was the son of M. Cohen, Esq.; and was born in London, 1788. He was called to the bar, by the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple, the 9th of February, 1827; and was one of the Municipal Corporation Commissioners. In 1832, he was created a Knight of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, to mark the benefit his labors had rendered to Constitutional and Parliamentary literature. He was also made a Knight Bachelor in 1852, and was appointed Deputy-keeper of the Public Records. Sir Francis—who assumed the name of Palgrave in lieu of that of Cohen—was the author of an able history of Normandy and England, and of several other literary and archæological works. He married, in 1823, Elizabeth, daughter of Dawson Turner, Esq., F.R.S.; by whom, who died in 1852, he leaves issue.

Dr. HEDGE presented to the Society a manuscript copy of Stephen Sewall's funeral oration on the death of President Holyoke of Harvard College, in 1709; a manuscript copy of Dr. Holyoke's answer to George Whitefield; and a copy, of the edition of 1692, of the "College Laws," written by President Holyoke on entering college in 1701, and signed by President Mather.

Dr. Hedge pointed out the differences between these laws and the earlier ones of 1642 and 1646, especially in the ecclesiastical character of the new laws, and the addition of financial and economical rules.

Rev. Prof. Edwards A. Park, D.D., was elected a Resident Member.